(c) what other measures have been taken to check the infected students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and b). So far 1129 foreign students have been screened of which 13 have been found to be positive for AIDS infection as under:—

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| Kenya . . . . . | 8 |
| Tanzania . . . . . | 4 |
| Malawi . . . . . | 1 |

Information regarding number of foreign students deported is not readily available with this Ministry. However, Department of Education has confirmed that one foreign students has left India for his home country Malawi.

(b) The following measures have been taken:

(1) Instructions have been issued to States|U.T. Govts| all Universities for health screening of all foreign students—(new and old admissions) including screening for AIDS.

(2) The foreign students are required to subject themselves for health check to the nearest civil surgeon|Chief Medical Officer|Superintendent of Distrtict Hospitals for the purpose.

**Shortage of Aircraft with Air-India**

1791. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is at present short of aircraft and is unable to cope with the rush in European and other sectors; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Air-India needs additional aircraft capacity. During April—November, 1986, its passenger load factor on Indian-Continent route was 65.6 per cent. During the same period passenger load factor on the India—U.S.A. India—Singapore and India—West Africa routes was 74.2 per cent, 70.4 per cent and 74.2 per cent respectively. These high load factors indicate necessity to have more aircraft capacity.

(b) Air-India had placed an order for six Airbus A310—300 aircraft. Five of these aircraft have already been inducted in service gradually from April, 1986. The sixth aircraft is expected to be received shortly. With the approval of Government, Air India has placed a letter of intent with Boeing Company to purchase two Boeing 747—300 aircraft for delivery in 1988. Air India is also contemplating acquisition of a suitable Boeing 747—200 aircraft as replacement for the lost aircraft 'Kanishka'.

**Recommendation of Tata Group on Civil Aviation**

1792. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Group on "Civil Aviation at the Turn of Century" has suggested that an overall plan should be framed by a committee which should be represented by all the three airlines, International Airports Authority of India, National Airports Authoriy and DGCA; and

(b) whether Tata Group has also suggested that all secondary routes in domestic sector requiring a capacity less than 70 seats be allotted to Vayudoot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tata Group has recommended that the routes in the domestic sectors requiring aircraft capacity of 40/50 plus seats should be allocated to Vayudoot.